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For: **METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE RECOMBINANT  
PEPTIDES WITH A LOW AMOUNT OF TRISULFIDES**

**AMENDMENT**

Box Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 10, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 20 to read as follows:

20. (Amended) Method for the reduction in the formation of the amount of trisulfides in the production of recombinant peptides, comprising fermenting cells to produce recombinant peptides, wherein a metal salt is added during or after fermentation, prior to peptide isolation.

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Please add claims 21 and 22 as follows:

--21. (New) Method for the reduction of the amount of trisulfides in the production of recombinant growth hormone, comprising fermenting cells to produce recombinant growth hormone, wherein a metal salt is added during or after the fermentation step, prior to growth hormone isolation.--

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--22. (New) Method for the reduction of the amount of trisulfides in the production of recombinant peptides, comprising fermenting cells to produce recombinant peptides, wherein a metal salt is added during or after the fermentation step prior to peptide isolation, and wherein the pH during and after fermentation is less than or equal to 7.--